

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No.** 03-02-04

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
February 20, 2004

**Effective Date:** 12:01 AM  
February 23, 2004

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2004  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order announces the opening of registration permit hunt RX110 for muskoxen in Unit 26(B) east of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area and Prudhoe Bay Closed Area during Feb. 23–March 31. Permits are available only to Alaska residents and may be obtained at Nuiqsut and Kaktovik. The bag limit is 1 muskox per regulatory year. Any hunter who has killed a muskox anywhere in Alaska since July 1, 2003, under either state or federal regulations, is not eligible to hunt. If the hunter takes the muskox from Unit 26, half of the horns and the muzzle must be cut off and the horn tips and muzzle must be surrendered to ADF&G in Fairbanks within three days of the kill. The head will also be examined and a tooth extracted. The season will be closed by subsequent emergency order when 4 muskoxen have been taken or by March 31, whichever comes first.


## **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.0509(a)(3), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MUSKOXEN**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting muskoxen:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(3)		
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Unit 26(B), that portion east of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area and Prudhoe Bay Closed Area		
1 muskox by Tier I permit only	Feb. 23–Mar. 31 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season
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All other muskoxen hunting regulations in Unit 26 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Kevin C. Duffy  
Commissioner

By delegation to:   
Robert O. Stephenson  
Area Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Board of Game authorized the Division of Wildlife Conservation to open registration permit hunt RX110 for muskox in Unit 26(B) east of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area and Prudhoe Bay Closed Area when hunting conditions are favorable. We expect favorable conditions will occur at various times during February through March. Persistent snow cover and frozen rivers should provide good traveling conditions. The population of approximately 300 muskoxen in Unit 26(B) can sustain the 2003–2004 harvest quota of 4 animals in addition to the expected harvest of 8 muskox for the other 2 muskox hunts in Unit 26B (TX108 and DX112).